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1. THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS HAS DECIDED TO SIDE WITH ITS VIETNAMESE AND SOVIET FRIENDS RATHER THAN WITH THE CHINESE ON THE ANGOLAN ISSUE. AFTER SOME WEEKS OF HESITANCY MARKED BY PRO-MPLA STATEMENTS (REFTEL), THE PDRL RECOGNIZED THE MPLA'S PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA ON JAN 16. THIS STEP, WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE ANGOLANS, TENDS TO REINFORCE THE VIEW THAT, AT PRESENT AT LEAST, THE PRC HAS LITTLE
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INFLUENCE IN LAOS.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT, AS PUBLISHED IN THE INFORMATION MINISTRY'S OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE BULLETIN OF JAN 21, OF A TELEGRAM FROM LAO FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH TO JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTOS, "FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA."
BEGIN TEXT. NO. 15 AEAP OF JAN 16, 1976.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BRING TO YOUR HIGH CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT AS OF THIS DAY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS HAS DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA PRESIDED OVER BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. LOPO DO NASCIMENT (SIC) AND TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY WITH A VIEW TOWARD STRENGTHENING STILL FURTHER THE BONDS OF AMITY BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END TEXT.
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